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SUBJECT: PAK VIEW OF SOVIET INTENTIONS--IT'S TOO EARLY TO TELL

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1. DURING TALK WITH MFA MINSTATE AGHA SHAHI AUG 5 (MY FIRST MEETING WITH HIM FOR OVER TWO WEEKS) IS ASKED HIM HOW HE INTERPRETED SOVIET AND AFGHAN INTENTIONS TOWARD PAKISTAN IN LIGHT OF RECENT (A) TASS/PRAVDA BLAST AT USG FOR INSTIGATING TROUBLES IN AFGHANISTAN AND (B) AFGHAN ANTI-PAK ALLEGATIONS CONVEYED TO US AMB IN KABUL. --SHAHI SAID THAT IN HIS TALKS IN MOSCOW RECENTLY HE HAD ASKED FOR PUBLIC SOVIET RECOGNITION OF THE DURAND LINE BORDER WITH AFGHANISTAN. HE HAD CITED TO SOVS THE SECTION OF HELSINKI ACCORDS CONCERNING BORDERS, HAD INVOKED FIVE PRINCIPLES OF PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE, AND HAD REMINDED SOVS OF THEIR ACTIONS IN ETHIOPIA IN SUPPORT OF ETHIOPIA'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND ITS BORDER WITH COMALIA. HE HAD ALSO ASKED SOVS TO INFLUENCE AFGHAN GOVT TOWARD MODERATION IN RELATIONS WITH PAKISTAN. HE HAD STATED EMPHATICALLY TO SOVS, AND GOP OFFICIALS HAVE
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STATED TO AFGHANS, THAT IT IS DEFINITE GOP POLICY, RIGIDLY APPLIES, TO RESTRAIN AND NEUTRALIZE ANY ELEMENTS OR INDIVIDUALS WHO MIGHT WANT TO MAKE TROUBLE IN AFGHANISTAN. --SHAHI SAID HE WANTED USG TO KNOW THAT PAKISTAN CATEGORICALLY DENIES STIMULATING ANY TROUBLES WITHIN AFGHANISTAN. HE SAID THAT AMONG OTHER REASONS, GOP FULLY UNDERSTANDS

THAT TO DO OTHERWISE WOULD DRIVE AGHANS CLOSER TO SOVS,
AND ALSO WOULD GIVE SOVS AN EXCUSE FOR SUPPORTING OR
INSTIGATING AGGRESSIVE AFGHAN ACTIONS AGAINST PAKISTAN.
-- HE DESCRIBED (ACCURATELY I THINK) DIFFICULT SITUATION
AND DIFFICULT TRIBESMEN ALONG AFGHAN BORDER ON BOTH SIDES.
NEITHER GOVT CAN FULLY CONTROL ITS PATHANS, BUT GOP WAS
MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO DO SO, AND SHAHI BELIEVED THAT
AFGHANS AND SOVS KNOW THIS, WHATEVER THEY MAY SAY.

2. I REPEATED MY ORIGINAL QUESTION ABOUT SHAHI'S INTER-
PRETATION OF RECENT AFGHAN AND SOVIET BLASTS. SHAHI WAS
VERY CAUTIOUS. HE SAID THAT PAKISTAN HAD NOT BEEN
MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY, BUT I (AND FONSEC SHAHNAWAZ)
POINTED OUT THAT AFGHAN COMPLAINT TO AMB DUBS CERTAINLY
HAD. THEN HE SPECULATED THAT TASS/PRAVDA STATEMENT SEEMED
AIMED ELSEWHERE, AND INTER ALIA COULD HAVE MEANT TO
ADDRESS FACT THAT SOME AFGHAN REFUGEES HAD GONE TO
SAUDI ARABIA.
-- HE SAID IT IS TOO EARLY TO KNOW WHAT ATTITUDE WILL
EMERGE, BUT IF ANTI-PAK ACCUSATIONS PERSIST GOP WILL HAVE TO
REPLY. SHAHI SAID HE WOULD NOT YET DRAW ANY CONCLUSION
OF A REBUFF OR A LACK OF RESPONSE; HE THOUGHT SOVS MIGHT
FEEL OBLIGED TO SUPPORT AFGHANISTAN'S BLAMING OF ITS
NEIGHBORS WHICH DRA IS DOING IN ORDER TO EXCUSE ITS
INABILITY TO MAINTAIN INTERNAL SUPPORT AND INTERNAL ORDER.
HE CITED AS A HOPEFUL SIGN DRA PRIMIN TARAKI'S

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AGREEMENT TO VISIT PAKISTAN LATER THIS YEAR.

3. COMMENT: I DID NOT OFFER ANY SPECULATIONS OF MY
OWN. SHAHI HAS UNDERSTANABLE DESIRE TO AVOID EARLY
JUDGEMENT ABOUT SOVIET ATTITUDES-. HE HAS EQUALLY
UNDERSTANDABLE DESIRE TO RESIST CONCLUSION THAT HIS
REPRESENTATIONS IN MOSCOW FAILED TO PRODUCE DESIRED
SOVIET MODERATION.

--RECENT GOSSIP HERE HAS SHAHI ANGLING TO BE REPLACEMENT
FOR AMB YAQUB KHAN IN WASHINGTON, POSSIBLY WITH CONCURRENT
ACCREDITATION AS UN PER REP, THE LATTER A JOB HE HAD HELD
BEFORE AND ENJOYED IMMENSELY. APPARENT FAILURE OF
PAKISTAN'S "SOVIET OPTION", WITH WHICH WE THINK SHAHI
WAS CLOSELY INVOLVED, WOULD NOT HELP HIS CHANCES FOR A
CHOICE ONWARD ASSIGNMENT. HUMMEL

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